

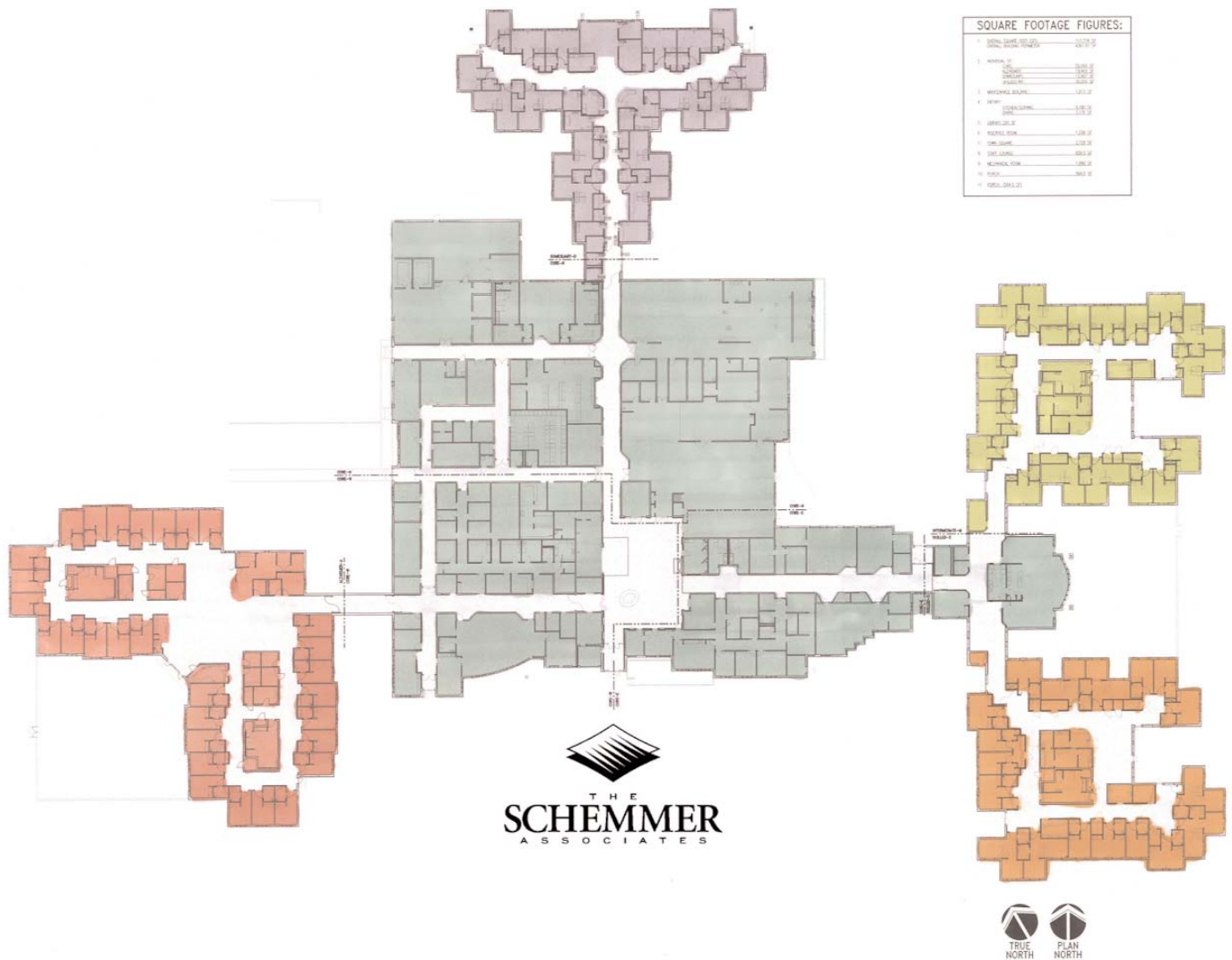


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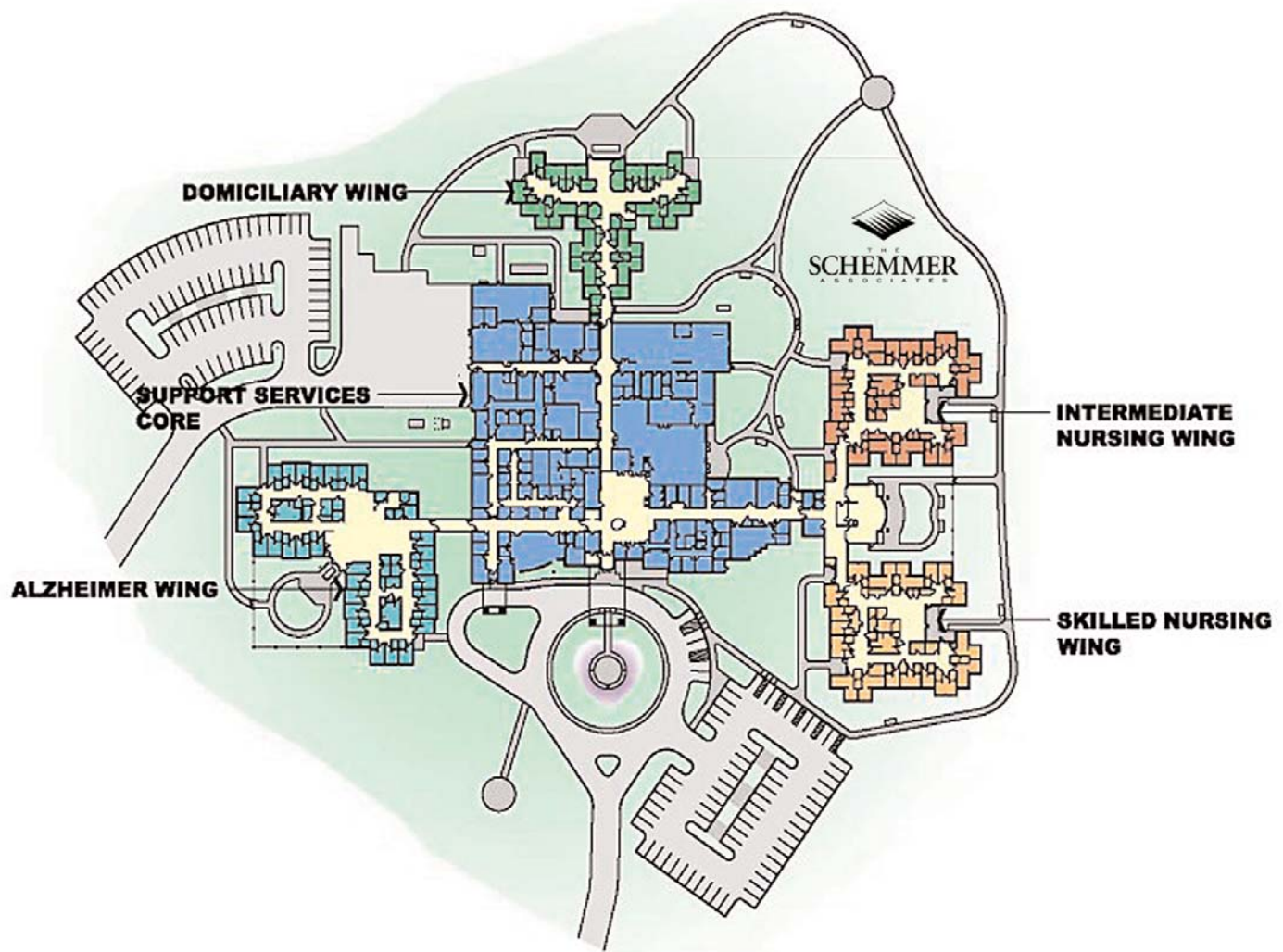


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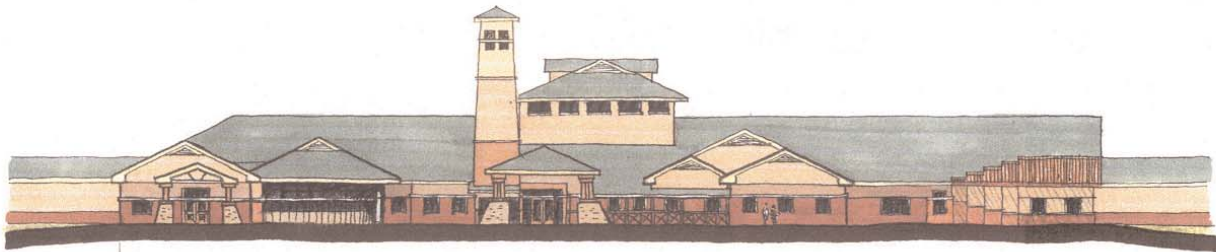
Facility Plan of Veterans' Home



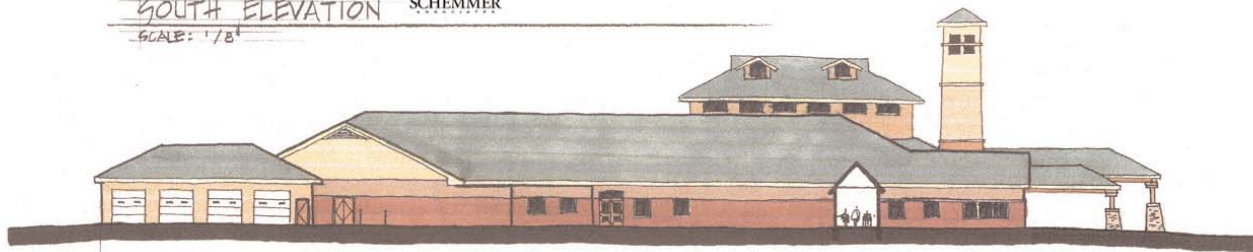
Site Layout of Veterans' Home



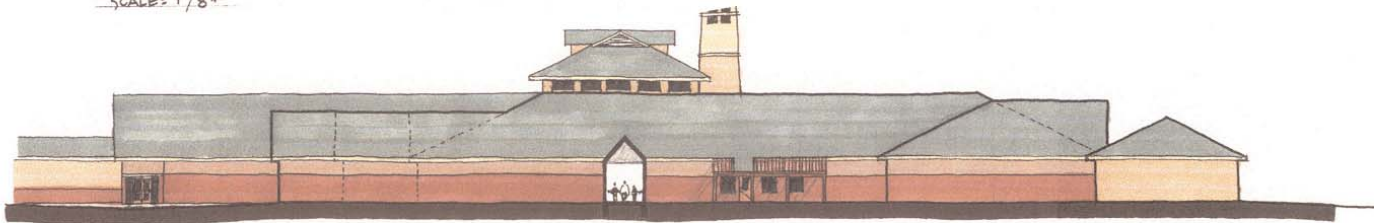
Elevation Renderings of Veterans' Home



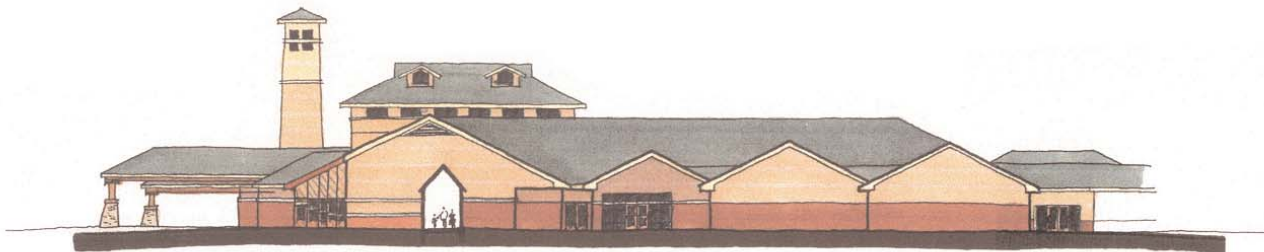
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NORTH ELEVATION
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EAST ELEVATION
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Veterans' Home - Concept Sketch of Town Square



Aerial Photo of Veterans' Home Property



Description of New Veterans' Home

The new Veterans' Home replaces the Thomas Fitzgerald Veterans Home in Omaha. The project was funded by the Department of Veterans' Affairs State Home Grants Program and by the State of Nebraska. While serving the resident needs of the state's veterans, it also pays tribute to those who served our country by providing a respectful community setting where the members can socialize in a fraternal environment and a tight knit *esprit 'd corps*.

The Schemmer Associates was retained to develop the facility program and design, conduct the process of site selection, attend public hearings, assist in funding acquisition, providing testimony before the Nebraska Legislature, and other initiatives to move the project to implementation.

The design for the Veterans' Home is based on the concept of a small village. The single floor, 119,000-square-foot facility sets on a 20-acre rolling site in southwest Bellevue. The home is an assemblage of five separate structures designed to accommodate the life care needs of the 120 member residents. Four of the structures are distinct residential neighborhoods, each serving 30 members. Each neighborhood also accommodates a different level of care: assisted living, intermediate care, skilled care and an Alzheimer's neighborhood.

The large central core structures houses the support and activity functions. Immediately inside the main entry is the "town square," and all major member activities surround this public space, including the canteen, vending area, game room, financial banking services, barbershop, library, administration and the main entry to the dining hall. The architecture of the town hall space reinforces the village character by use of residential forms, soft materials, wood, color and natural light.

In keeping with the village theme, the corridors connecting the residence neighborhoods are treated as "boulevards," with various destination activities and employing traditional street signage that becomes the wayfinding element throughout the complex.

The center support core also contains the functions of restorative care, activity/craft spaces, chapel, administrative offices, in-service training, clinic areas, a complete dietary operation, laundry, staff support spaces and the maintenance and mechanical areas.

Each of the neighborhoods has its own "park," or exterior courtyard, designed to serve the differing mobility levels of the members. The "city park" is a common outdoor area that connects the building to the larger open areas of the 20-acre site, and includes a walking path surrounding the site.

The public entrance and drop-off area is separated from the employee and service entrances. There is parking for 140 vehicles on site.

The focal point of the exterior is the bell tower, reinforcing again the sense of community embodied in the facility, as well as capturing the visual heritage of the former Thomas Fitzgerald Veterans' Home.

This new facility will help to meet the mission of the Nebraska Health and Human Services System: "We help people live better lives through effective health and human services," as well as the mission of the Department of Veterans' Affairs - Nebraska: "To provide assistance to Nebraska's veterans and their dependents in acquiring county, state, and federal benefits to which they are entitled by virtue of their service to this country."

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